

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 419  
By Brooks (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to commend ToDario Antonio Harris for  
exemplary service as a Legislative Intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, ToDario Antonio Harris is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a Legislative Intern for Representative Henri E. Brooks and Representative Curry Todd; ToDario's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the son of Randy W. Harris and Vicky L. McConnell and the brother of Randy W. Harris, Jr. and Dennis Watkins, Mr. Harris is a graduate of Central High School in Memphis, where he was a member of the track and field and cross-country teams and served as Student Government President; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from high school, ToDario Harris matriculated at Austin Peay State University; extraordinarily active on campus, he served as a Freshman Senator of

the Student Government Association, as a Member of the African American Student Association, as the Co-founder of SANKOFA Student Organization, as the Student Representative in the Clarksville Chapter of the NAACP, as a Resident Assistant, and as the Student Representative on the Faculty Search Committee whose work resulted in the hire of University President Sheri Hoppi; and

WHEREAS, currently a student at the University of Memphis, where he is highly regarded by his peers, ToDario has achieved academic success while participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris is a member of Rho Epsilon/Lambda Alpha Real Estate Fraternity, a member of the Tennessee Valley Authority Investment Challenge Team, and the Events Chair of SANKOFA Student Organization; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Harris brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, ToDario Harris has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious Legislative Intern; and

WHEREAS, an ambitious and affable member of the 2003 intern class, Mr. Harris served as Campaign Manager for Intern-Gubernatorial Candidate Mr. William Stokes, Jr. and was selected as the "Most Motivated" member of the class; he certainly lives up to his personal motto: "Rather than wait for change, BE CHANGE"; and

WHEREAS, ToDario Harris has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum for which he ought to be recognized by this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend ToDario Antonio Harris for his outstanding service as

a Legislative Intern for Representative Henri E. Brooks and Representative Curry Todd and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.